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MR. REAP: You have already been given Press Release 519, which is the text of a note delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union today, and Press Release 520, concerning Japanese textiles.

On the Japanese textile one, I have asked for someone to come and answer questions, if you have any.

Q Do you have the release?

MR. REAP: They are now being handed out.

This is Mr. Nehmar, who will answer questions, on background, after you have read it.

Q Well, could he just give us the background on this? What was the situation which brought this about?

MR. NEHMAR: Are you familiar with the Bilateral, the US-Japanese Textiles Bilateral for 1962?

Q No.

A If you are not, I recommend you look at State Department Press Release No. 631, of September 13, 1961, and this will give you background as to the terms of the agreement entered into, just for calendar year 1962 between the two governments.

a meeting.

Q Joe, does the Soviet Ambassador have any more appointments in the building?

A I don't know of any.

Q The Soviet Ambassador what?

Q Does he have any more appointments in the building.

Q Is there any indication when we are going to answer, if at all, this protest note?

A No.

Q Does it require consultations with our Allies?

A I don't want to forecast what will be done with it.

Q Joe, yesterday you said that there was no evidence in the Department of rocket-site building in Cuba. Today there is a published story in Miami to the effect that space-tracking or missile-tracking sites are being built in Pinar del Rio. Do you have anything on that?

A No.

Q This "no" means you wouldn't comment on the Miami story?

A I have nothing on it. Your question

means, do we have any information to confirm that? My answer to that is "no."

Q Thank you.

Q And your information on these rumors of Soviet troops being in Cuba is the same as you gave us yesterday?

A I have nothing to add now to what I said yesterday.

Q Thank you, Joe.

[The meeting was concluded  
at 12:45 p.m.]

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